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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH – REFORM THE LIQUOR COMMISSION

Today's conviction of yet another liquor commission investigator for corruption again highlights the need for reform. "There is no such thing as an 'acceptable' level of corruption. We must reform the way the liquor commission is supervised to stop this never-ending string of scandals. I hope we do not wait for yet another sex-for-permit or bribery conviction before we all agree on the need to reform the liquor commission system," stated Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu).

Late last year, Councilmember Djou introduced and passed a resolution asking for an audit of the Honolulu Liquor Commission by the City Auditor. Councilmember Djou also drafted a bill, endorsed by the Hawaii State Association of Counties, giving the counties the power to reform the four county liquor commissions. That liquor commission reform bill, however, was killed by the Legislature.

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